

at the crossing of two roads, or at evening,
 or under
 the influence of the asterisms, Bharani, Ardra,
 Ashlesha,
 Magha and Mula invariably proves fatal. Poisons
 of hooded
 serpents (Darbikatas) instantaneously prove
 fatal. Heat
 enhances the virulence of all kinds of poison.
 Poisons prove
 instantaneously fatal in infants, old men,
 pregnant women,
 lepers, and hungry or weak persons, as well as in
 those suffering
 from any kind of urinary disease or ulcer-
 cachexia. Persons
 bitten by snakes in whose body an incision fails
 to draw any
 blood (is not followed by bleeding), or strokes of
 lashes do not
 leave any marks on the skin, or in whom sprays
 of water
 do not produce any horripilation, should be
 abandoned. Is
 already in the clutches of death. A snake-bitten
 person whose
 face is distorted, nose is sunk down, neck is
 bent; and
 jaws are locked up, and whose hairs may be
 easily put up,
 and in whom the punctured wounds of the bite
 assume a red
 or blackish tinge, should be already counted with
 the dead.
 Emissions ofropy mucous from the mouth, and
 haemorrhage
 from the upward or downward apertures of
 the body point
 to an unfavourable prognosis, in a case of
 snake-bite. Similarly,
 four fang-marks on the seat of the bite, as
 well as loss
 of voice, inability to walk, or loss of the power of
 locomotion,
 blackness of complexion and bending of the nose
 are symptoms,
 which portend impending evil in cases of
 snake-bite.

An animal or a vegetable poison, made to part

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the ten specific qualities of instantaneous
expansiveness etc*,
or weakened by .time, or through the exposure
to air and light,
or through'contact with any neutralising
vegetable ageht, ,is
called a Dushi Visha* A slow (dushij ooison, by
reason of its
weakened potency, lies over-powered by the
mucous secretion,
which its presence in the organism engenders,
and fails to
exercise any fatal effect, but long continues un-
eliminated irf
the system. The presence of such a poison in
the organism
is indicated by loose stools, sallowness of
complexion, a fetid
smell in the body and a distaste in the mouth,
with